

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 46

By Henry

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center and its administration, faculty, staff, and student body on the occasion of the school's 102nd anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary educational institutions that have made significant contributions, through an abiding commitment to excellence, to their respective communities and to this State; and

WHEREAS, Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center is most assuredly one such noteworthy institution which has provided educational opportunities to the students of the Nashville community for the past 102 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1907, Sylvan Park School was hastily erected after West Nashville joined the City of Nashville and the Sylvan Park subdivision, which chose to remain outside city limits, found itself without a school; and

WHEREAS, the new school, a two-room wooden frame building with a large central hall, had no plumbing and the students drank water using a dipper from a well; and

WHEREAS, the school originally taught grades first through eighth, but with the increase of students another two-room building was erected directly west of the first building; and

WHEREAS, in 1925, the Nashville city limits were extended to include the Sylvan Park School; and

WHEREAS, throughout the years, the school underwent many additions and renovations to accommodate the growth of the surrounding community; and

WHEREAS, in 1936, the two frame buildings were torn down and a new, art deco style brick structure was constructed facing Forty-Eighth Street; and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s, the north wing was added to include four more classrooms, a modern kitchen, and a large cafeteria, and a similar wing was built to the south which consisted of six classrooms and storage facilities; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, the school underwent a \$3.3 million dollar renovation that added 25,000 square feet of space, creating eleven new classrooms, a multipurpose gymnasium, and a new kitchen; the existing building received a new heating and air conditioning system, a lighting system, new restrooms, new ceilings and floors, and a new office area; and

WHEREAS, when students returned to their school the following year, Sylvan Park School had officially become a Paideia Design Center ("Paideia" is a Greek word expressing the elements of the proper upbringing of a child) servicing the entire Metro Davidson Public School System and accommodating five hundred students; and

WHEREAS, Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center's philosophy is centered on using facts, skills, and goals to achieve recall, performance, and understanding through directed teaching, coaching, and seminars; and

WHEREAS, as Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center celebrates its 102nd birthday, it continues to meet the educational needs and concerns of the twenty-first century; along with maintaining a continuum of traditions and past achievements, promoting academic excellence remains the school's top priority; and

WHEREAS, through the steadfast support of its community, Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center continues to be a bastion of excellence in academics and life, molding young minds into the scholars and leaders of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in recognition and celebration of the 102nd anniversary of Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate the administration, faculty, staff, and student body of Sylvan Park Paideia Design Center on the celebration of the School's 102nd anniversary and extend to them our warmest wishes for continued success in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.